

Flagging - Coutts

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Good Evening,

Flagging that this evening at approximately 1641 CT, it was reported to the CBSA that a commercial truck was positioned across the road, north of the Coutts port of entry (POE). Furthermore, it was reported that anywhere from 150 to 200 people had vacated their vehicles and were walking on the highway, physically blocking traffic northbound and southbound. The RCMP are on site and are managing the issue.

Worth noting that the US CBP has slowed traffic that is northbound to Canada to avoid having vehicles backed up on the road with nowhere to go. There have been no CBSA operational impacts at this time as Northbound traffic continues to be processed as it arrives.

CBSA staff currently on duty will need to stay onsite at end of shift and maintain operations as staff expected to arrive will be told to not come in as they would find themselves in middle of multi kilometre traffic backup. Our Region will explore options for staff attending Coutts via transit in USA with entry elsewhere if required.

Thanks,
Robyn